

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of Nevada

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MICHAEL EDWARD WATSON

## ) AMENDED JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

) Case Number: 3:18-CR-25-MMD-CBC

) USM Number:

Date of Original Judgment: 2/8/2019

(Or Date of Last Amended Judgment)

) Lauren Gorman

) Defendant's Attorney

### THE DEFENDANT:

pleaded guilty to count(s) 1 of the superseding information

pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ which was accepted by the court.

was found guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

| Title & Section        | Nature of Offense               | Offense Ended | Count |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| 18 USC §2252A(a)(5)(B) | Possession of Child Pornography | 8/16/2017     | 1     |

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 8 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Count(s) indictment  is  are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

7/22/2020

Date of Imposition of Judgment



Signature of Judge

MIRANDA M. DU, CHIEF U.S.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Name and Title of Judge

7/22/2020

Date

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## IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of :  
Time served (after a 14 day self-quarantine period.) \*

The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.     p.m.    on \_\_\_\_\_ .

as notified by the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

before 2 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_ .

as notified by the United States Marshal.

as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

## RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ with a certified copy of this judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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**SUPERVISED RELEASE**

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of :

Life

**MANDATORY CONDITIONS**

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court, not to exceed 104 tests annually..  
 The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4.  You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5.  You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6.  You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7.  You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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## STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

## U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov).

Defendant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

1. You must participate in a mental health treatment program and follow the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer, in consultation with the treatment provider, will supervise your participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.). You must pay the costs of the program, based upon your ability to pay.
2. You must not have direct contact with any child you know or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18, not including your own children, without the permission of the probation officer. If you do have any direct contact with any child you know or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18, not including your own children, without the permission of the probation officer, you must report this contact to the probation officer within 24 hours. Direct contact includes written communication, in-person communication, or physical contact. Direct contact does not include incidental contact during ordinary daily activities in public places.
3. You must not go to, or remain at, any place where you know children under the age 18 are likely to be, including parks, schools, playgrounds, and childcare facilities.
4. You must submit your person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computers (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030 (e)(1)), other electronic communications or data storage devices or media, or office, to a search conducted by a United States Probation Officer. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation of release. You must warn any other occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition.

The probation officer may conduct a search under this condition only when reasonable suspicion exists that you have violated a condition of supervision and that the areas to be searched contain evidence of this violation. Any search must be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.

5. You must not view or possess any "visual depiction," or any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of "sexually explicit conduct" involving children, or "actual sexually explicit conduct" involving adults, that would compromise your sex offense-specific treatment. These restrictions do not apply to materials necessary to, and used for, any future appeals, or materials prepared or used for the purposes of sex-offender treatment.

"Visual depiction" (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(5)) includes undeveloped film and videotape, data stored on computer disk or by electronic means which is capable of conversion into a visual image, and data which is capable of conversion into a visual image that has been transmitted by any means, whether or not stored in a permanent format;

"Sexually explicit conduct" (as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2)) involving children means actual or simulated (i) sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, or oral-anal, whether between the same or opposite sex; (ii) bestiality; (iii) masturbation; (iv) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or (v) lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person.

"Actual sexually explicit conduct" (as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 2257(h)(1)) involving adults means actual, but not simulated, conduct as defined in clauses (i)-(v) above.

6. You must participate in a sex offense-specific treatment program, and follow the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer will supervise your participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.). You must pay the costs of the program, based upon your ability to pay.

7. You must submit to periodic polygraph testing at the discretion of the probation officer as a means to ensure that you are in compliance with the requirements of your supervision or treatment program.

8. You must allow the probation officer to install computer monitoring software on any computer (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)) you use.

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### **ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

10. You must not incur new credit charges or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer unless you are in compliance with the payment schedule.
11. You must provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information and authorize the release of any financial information. The probation office will share financial information with the U.S. Attorney's Office.
12. You will be confined to home confinement for a period of 24 months, with location monitoring, at the direction of the probation officer.\*

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**CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES**

The defendant must pay the following total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

|               | <u>Assessment</u> | <u>Restitution</u> | <u>Fine</u> | <u>AVAA Assessment*</u> | <u>JVTA Assessment**</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>TOTALS</b> | \$ 100.00         | \$ 10,000.00       | \$          | \$                      | \$                       |

The determination of restitution is deferred until \_\_\_\_\_ . An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.

The defendant shall make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

| <u>Name of Payee</u> | <u>Total Loss***</u> | <u>Restitution Ordered</u> | <u>Priority or Percentage</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Marsh Law Firm PLLC  |                      | \$5,000.00                 |                               |
| "Tara" Series        |                      | \$5,000.00                 |                               |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | \$ 0.00              | \$ 10,000.00               |                               |

Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest, and it is ordered that:

the interest requirement is waived for  fine  restitution.

the interest requirement for the  fine  restitution is modified as follows:

\* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

\*\* Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

\*\*\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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## SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties shall be due as follows:

- A**  Lump sum payment of \$ 10,100.00 due immediately, balance due  
 not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or  
 in accordance with  C,  D,  E, or  F below; or
- B**  Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with  C,  D, or  F below); or
- C**  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D**  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E**  Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F**  Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Any unpaid balance shall be paid at a monthly of not less than 10% of any income earned during incarcerations and/or gross income while on supervision, subject to adjustment by the Court based upon ability to pay.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

- Joint and Several

| Case Number<br>Defendant and Co-Defendant Names<br>(including defendant number) | Total Amount | Joint and Several<br>Amount | Corresponding Payee,<br>if appropriate |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|--|
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|--|

- The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.  
 The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):  
 The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:  
the items listed in the order of forfeiture (attached.)

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVTA assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
9 Plaintiff,  
10 v.  
11 MICHAEL EDWARD WATSON,  
12 Defendant.

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**Preliminary Order of Forfeiture**

13 This Court finds Michael Edward Watson pled guilty to Count One of a One-Count  
14 Superseding Information charging him with possession of child pornography in violation of  
15 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2). Superseding Information, ECF No. 22; Binding Plea Agreement,  
16 ECF No. 23; Arraignment and Plea, ECF No. 26.

17 This Court finds Michael Edward Watson agreed to the forfeiture of the property set  
18 forth in the Binding Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Provision of the Superseding  
19 Information. Superseding Information, ECF No. 22; Binding Plea Agreement, ECF No. 23;  
20 Arraignment and Plea, ECF No. 26.

21 This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (2), the United States  
22 of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the Binding Plea  
23 Agreement and the Forfeiture Provision of the Superseding Information and the offense to  
24 which Michael Edward Watson pled guilty.

25 The following property is (1) any visual depiction described in 18 U.S.C. § 2252A, or  
26 any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other matter which contains any such  
27 visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped or received in violation  
28 of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) and (2) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be

1 used to commit or to promote the commission of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) or any property  
2 traceable to such property, and is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253(a)(1)  
3 and (a)(3): Apple MacBook Pro, SN C02QK03EFVH8 (property).

4 This Court finds that the United States of America may amend this order at any time  
5 to add subsequently located property or substitute property to the forfeiture order pursuant  
6 to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(2)(C) and 32.2(e).

7 This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should, reduce  
8 the aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of America.

9 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND  
10 DECREED that the United States of America should seize the aforementioned property.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all possessory  
12 rights, ownership rights, and all rights, titles, and interests of Michael Edward Watson in the  
13 aforementioned property are forfeited and are vested in the United States of America and  
14 shall be safely held by the United States of America until further order of the Court.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United States  
16 of America shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official internet  
17 government forfeiture website, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Order, which shall  
18 describe the forfeited property, state the time under the applicable statute when a petition  
19 contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and state the name and contact information for the  
20 government attorney to be served with the petition, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6)  
21 and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2).

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any individual  
23 or entity who claims an interest in the aforementioned property must file a petition for a  
24 hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, which  
25 petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §  
26 853(n)(3) and 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's  
27 right, title, or interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the  
28 petitioner's petition and the relief sought.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any,  
2 must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, Bruce R. Thompson U.S. Courthouse and Federal  
3 Building, 400 South Virginia Street, 3rd Floor, Reno, NV 89501, no later than thirty (30)  
4 days after the notice is sent or, if direct notice was not sent, no later than sixty (60) days  
5 after the first day of the publication on the official internet government forfeiture site,  
6 www.forfeiture.gov.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the  
8 petition, if any, shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United States  
9 Attorney's Office at the following address at the time of filing:

10 Daniel D. Hollingsworth  
11 Assistant United States Attorney  
12 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100  
13 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice  
15 described herein need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is issued by  
16 the appropriate agency following publication of notice of seizure and intent to  
17 administratively forfeit the above-described property.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Clerk send  
19 copies of this Order to all counsel of record.

20 DATED January 30, 2019.

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22 HONORABLE MIRANDA M. DU  
23 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of the foregoing was served upon counsel of record via Electronic Filing on January 30, 2019.

*/s/ Heidi L. Skillin*  
HEIDI L. SKILLIN  
FSA Contractor Paralegal